UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

WILLIAM FIFIELD,

Plaintiff,

-against-

6:03-CV-864 (LEK/DRH)

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant.

DECISION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Court following a Report-Recommendation filed on August 17, 2005 by the Honorable David R. Homer, United States Magistrate Judge, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) and L.R. 72.3 of the Northern District of New York. After ten days from the service thereof, the Clerk has sent the entire file to the undersigned, including the objections by William Fifield, which were filed on August 29, 2005.

It is the duty of this Court to "make a de novo determination of those portions of the report or specified proposed findings or recommendations to which objection is made." 28 U.S.C. § 636(b). "A judge of the court may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the findings or recommendations made by the magistrate." <u>Id.</u> This Court has considered the objections and has undertaken a de novo review of the record and has determined that the Report-Recommendation should be approved for the reasons stated therein.

Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED, that the Report-Recommendation is **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED** in its

ENTIRETY; and it is further

ORDERED, that the decision denying disability benefits be **AFFIRMED**, Fifield's motion for a finding of disability be **DENIED**, and Fifield's complaint is **DISMISSED**; and it is further **ORDERED**, that the Clerk serve a copy of this order on all parties.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: September 20, 2005

Albany, New York

Lawrence E. Kahn U.S. District Judge